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Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 30th, 12-1:30pm
Marriott, Columbus I & II

1. Welcome (Nadia Brown)
 - a. Me Too Poli Sci Short Course
 - i. Brainstorm and strategize mechanisms to end sexual harassment in the profession
 - ii. \$25,000 grant- only spent half, other half for seed money to fund similar programs
 - b. Special Issue of the Journal of *Women, Politics and Policy*
 - i. Reach out to Dr. Brown to submit, she is special editor
 - ii. Need submissions by November for January issue
 - iii. Focus on organic feminist organizing
 - c. Conference Events sponsored or co-sponsored by the WCPS
 - i. See handout
2. Financial Report (Michelle Wade)
 - a. Pay Dues
 - i. No online mechanism to pay dues has consequences
 1. Losing out on funds to support work
 2. Only accepting checks is becoming difficult
 - ii. Asking institutions for donations
 1. Departments can bridge access for non-binary folks to the women's caucus
 2. Institutions regularly send out checks
 - iii. Looking into a PayPal account
3. WCPS Response to DA_RT Statement by APSA Leadership (Jenn Piscopo and Kristen Monroe)
 - a. Created draft statement, presented to attendees to look over and make suggestions
 - b. Thought that the APSA response was rather disappointing
 - i. It encouraged editors to be understanding and agree to disagree
 - ii. Disproportionally effects junior scholars, women, teaching institution, qualitative scholars
 - c. Pressure on APSA can actually make them listen- right now there is not a strict policy
 - i. Align with other groups and caucuses, similar to the WCPS
 - ii. Statement needs to focus on junior scholars at under-resourced institutions
 - iii. APSA council normally made up from doctoral granting institution
 1. Representation of other institutions is slim
 2. Policies favor larger, doctoral granting institutions
 - d. Suggestions for change
 - i. Steps/solutions to be proposed
 1. Do away with DA_RT?
 2. Statement stating that some scholars are exempt from DA_RT (junior scholars and under-resourced institutions)
 3. Statement to APSA, asking them to encourage journals not to accept DA_RT

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4. Ask APSA committee to be created on DA_RT, being sure to give representation to under-resourced institutions
 - ii. Passed out draft statement
 - iii. Send recommendation back to the committee to get more feedback
 1. Include statement asking editors to pledge intellectual diversity
 2. Alternative pledge that combats DA_RT
 - iv. Formal vote to let committee continue drafting, but start negotiations
 1. Unanimous vote
4. Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund (Michaele Ferguson)
 - a. Gives first \$1000 to lawyer for gender-based employment lawsuits
 - b. Please consider donating
5. Presentation of the Jane Mansbridge Award
 - a. Rebecca Gill, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - b. Valerie Sulfano, James Madison University
6. Presentation of the Dianne M. Pinderhughes Leadership Award
 - a. Jane Junn, University of Southern California, Dornsife
 - b. Anna Sampaio, Santa Clara University
7. Announcement of the Okin Young Award in Feminist Political Theory
 - a. Nina Hagel, Bates College
8. Women of Color Also Know Stuff (Stella Rouse and Tricia Stapleton)
 - a. Focus groups taking place at APSA
 - b. Please use hashtag at APSA
9. People of Color Also Know Stuff (Danielle Lemi)
 - a. Platform promotes junior scholars and graduate students
 - b. Gives exposure to those that normally do not get it
 - c. Please encourage colleagues, especially job candidates, to join
10. Gender in Journals – *American Political Science Review*, editors
 - a. Women are under represented in the journal
 - b. Claimed that women just need to submit more
 - c. What is happening with sexist/racist reviews?
 - i. No real response, will not acknowledge trend
 - ii. Asked for specific examples
 - d. Not having people of color, women, or work on race and gender, included in the journal can send a message that those people/works are not welcome in APSR
 - i. Response was to have these groups submit more
 - ii. Insists that gender and research areas/methods are not a part of desk rejections
 - e. No expert editor on race and gender
 - i. Suggestion to send these research areas to an actual expert
 - ii. More reviewers need to be added in these areas
 - f. Suggestion to not desk reject without getting an expert opinion
 - g. Suggestion for a special issue on these areas, with a statement that they have been under represented

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- h. Publish a rejection issue?
 - i. Review audit
 - i. Go back and look at the reviews on research about race and gender
 - ii. Watch reviews more closely in these areas
 - j. Perception that the journal will not publish women, or on topics of race and gender
 - k. Suggestion to discount the prestige of publishing in the APSR within departments for tenure and promotion
11. Announcements
- a. Editor Searches: *AJPS*, *APSR*, *Politics & Gender*
12. Vote on Officer Slate (see reverse side)
13. New Business
- a. Possibility of developing an app
 - i. Help to create the buddy system
 - ii. Find an ally to help navigate professional spaces